

Merry Christmas



Venite Adoremus

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

O Come let us Adore Him is the refrain from one of our most popular Christmas Carols and speaks volumes of our lives as Christians. This Holy Day reminds us that God is with us. He is Emmanuel. Let us never lose sight of His Divine Presence. As we face the challenges and struggles of daily life, we do not face them alone. Take time to adore our Blessed Lord in our midst. The more we are aware of His abiding presence and love, the greater the peace we find in our souls.

Please know that you and your loved ones are remembered in my Masses this Christmas Season.

Father Ireland

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Through our Roman Catholic Faith, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish is committed to welcoming, engaging, and serving a diverse population in the Heights and Hillcrest areas.

Established in 2010 through a merger of St. Margaret Mary and St. Gregory the Great Parishes, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish is a vibrant center of Catholic worship, education, Faith formation, service, evangelization, and community life.

Through these apostolates, we seek to enable our members to establish and nurture a relationship with Jesus Christ and carry forth His mission in the World.

ONCE OUR LIFE RETURNS TO SOME FORM OF "NORMAL"

...regarding Sacraments...

Baptism

- 1st & 3rd Sundays each month at 1 p.m.; please pre-register.
- Pre-Baptism class for first child **ONLY** as required by Diocese, offered here the 4th Sunday of January, April, July and October at 1 p.m. in Mary's Room. Pre-registration is required.

Marriage

Couples should contact a priest 6 to 12 months before their wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick Celebrated at Masses annually during October or at home at the request of family.

- *In cases of emergency:* at hospital or other medical facility when a priest is available.
- *In non-emergency cases:* call the parish or Catholic hospital chaplain nearest the location of person to be anointed.

Funerals

- Contact funeral director of choice to meet; ask Director to call the Parish Office to arrange date and time.
- Call & visit parish office; meet with priest assigned to Mass.

Holy Communion for the Homebound

Call Parish Office to arrange for Holy Communion to be brought to homebound by Extraordinary Minister. Priests visit on First Friday. Please let us know if you are ill and confined to home.

Hospital Calls

Please notify the Parish Office when you or a member of your family is hospitalized. Be sure to let the hospital know that you are Catholic and if you would like the Catholic Chaplain to visit. If it is an emergency, be sure that they reach the priest that is on call. Most hospitals also have Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who bring Holy Communion to the Catholic patients. Be sure to let your nurse know that you are a Catholic and would like to receive Holy Communion.

Sponsor Requirements

Requests for sponsor certificates are directed to a priest. Individuals must

- be registered and practicing members of this parish; at least 16 years of age,
- and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- if married, be in a marriage accepted by the Catholic Church.

Religious Education...

Parish School: Corpus Christi Academy website: corpuschristiacad.org; phone: 440.449.4244

PSR Religious Education Classes:

Sundays 10-11:15 a.m. For info call the Parish Office (216.382.7601)

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Please contact one of the priests or the Deacon.

Mass Schedule	<u>Weekend</u>	Saturday: 4 p.m. Sunday Vigil	Sunday: 8, 10, 11:30 a.m., 5 p.m.
		On the 1st Sunday of the month, the 5 p.m. Mass is celebrated in the extraordinary form.	
	<u>Weekday</u>	Monday–Friday 6:45 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.	Saturday: 6:45 a.m.
		On the 1st Saturday of the month ONLY , there is an extra Mass at 8 a.m. (celebrated in the extraordinary form), followed by the Rosary, Devotion Prayers, and a Conference of the Society of the Sacred Heart. ALL ARE WELCOME.	
	<u>Holy Day</u>	(consult Bulletin)	
Confessions		Saturday: 2:30-3:30 p.m. (or by Appointment)	

Parish Pastoral Council: Questions/suggestions to: parishcouncil@sacredheartofjesusparish.org

Sts. Margaret & Gregory Credit Union: (closed Mondays)
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DEAR PARISHIONERS OF
SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH,

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

At Mass on Christmas Eve, the gospel reading from Matthew begins with the genealogy of Jesus. What is the significance of this long set of names spanning several centuries? In describing Jesus' descent from Abraham, Matthew emphasizes the continuity of Jesus with the history of Israel: his position as heir to the promises made to Abraham and his fulfillment as Israel's Messiah.

*God's plan for Jesus' coming
was in the works for a long time.*

Similarly, at Mass on Christmas Day, the gospel reading from John starts with "In the beginning..." and echoes the opening words of the book of Genesis. God intended Jesus' birth more than thousands of years in advance. No detail is too small for Him.

Jesus is Emmanuel, "God with us." God loves us so much that He desires to be with us. Rejoice in His great love for you! Just as God planned before the dawn of time for Jesus to come as our savior, God also has great plans specifically for you. God has given us great joy in bringing Jesus to us this Christmas.

Let the joy of the gospel radiate in your lives. If you are overflowing with joy, consider inviting a neighbor or friend to share your joy. If you are going through a difficult time, reach out and ask for help to live in that joy. If you are still looking for joy, I encourage you to come back to church on Sunday to celebrate the rest of the Christmas season and to discover more about the source of this joy.

God has certainly given me great joy this year while I am in residence at St. Dominic's, the Dominican parish in San Francisco. I am helping with confirmation classes, marriage preparation, RCIA, outreach to the homeless, and the solemn Mass choir. Being able to apply what I have learned during the past few years of philosophy and theology classes in my activities in the parish has been a great blessing and inspires me to study further. The parish here is quite busy, and there is always more to do. "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38).

Thank you for your prayers. I ask you please to continue them fervently and to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

You are in my prayers. May God continue to grant you many graces this Christmas season and in the new year.

In Christ,
Brother Luke Maria

GREETINGS FROM JOE MCCARRON

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

*I hope this letter finds you
and your loved ones
in good health and joyful spirits.*

It is a bit of a cliché observation at this point to say that we live in strange times and that Covid years tend to rush by like a blur but we do, and they do! It is just these truths that bring me back, over and over again, to reflection on the shepherds in the Nativity story. Here were people out in a field doing a task they had done time and time again. Their quiet town had a stressful buzz of late, what with the census and all. And yet here they were walking the same sheep to the same pasture on the same trail with the same coworkers.

Despite the monotony of it all, they still had a reflective disposition that God saw fit to reach out to them with a message of incredible joy. Internally, they had no choice but to rush to the stable to see the shocking truth for themselves. Luke says the shepherds were so moved by the vision of this humble Child-King that they shared the message to those they encountered, and that they returned "glorifying and praising God for **all** they had heard and seen" (Lk 2:20, emphasis my own).

May we always have the capacity to recognize and receive the beautiful messages God is placing in our path in the daily grind! Whether we are in the office, a zoom meeting, a family room full of rowdy kids, a living room with nobody else, or anywhere in between, God is always reaching out to us, waiting on our recognition of His supernatural, consoling communication of love. Like the shepherds, we must be reflective enough to see it and act on it.

I know that I have always ended my parish messages with a request for prayers, but this year especially I ask for them. For the 2021-2022 academic year I requested and received a leave of absence from seminary so that I could better discern in a different environment whether I will continue onward in priestly formation. As I take my hiatus, it has been a privilege to serve more actively at the parish by teaching 7th grade PSR and assisting with Sacred Heart of Jesus Cares.

*Thank you for your prayer support,
and know that I continue to pray for you!*

Joe

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 27, 2021**St. John, Apostle/Evangelist**

6:45 a.m. Gregory Higgins (*)
 12:10 p.m. George & Beatrice Suchy (*)
Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday, December 28, 2021**The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

6:45 a.m. Kennedy Elizabeth Novak
 12:10 p.m. Willilam A. Molnar

Wednesday, December 29, 2021**Optional: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop/Martyr**

6:45 a.m. Poor Souls
 12:10 p.m. Kevin Bransky
St. Joseph Novena

Thursday, December 30, 2021**Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

6:45 a.m. Sharon Lohan
 12:10 p.m. In Thanksgiving

Friday, December 31, 2021**Optional: St. Sylvester I, Pope**

6:45 a.m. Concetta Gehlfuss
 12:10 p.m. Poor Souls
Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 4:00 p.m. Parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, January 1, 2022**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

(not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

6:45 a.m. Marie & Raffaele Guercio
 8:00 a.m. Mass in Extraordinary Form
 4:00 p.m. Peggy Mullen (L)

Sunday, January 2, 2022**Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased of the
 Ireland Family
 10:00 a.m. Thomas Wenzel
 11:30 a.m. Parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus
 5:00 p.m. Marie Doyle
 (Mass in Extraordinary Form)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/27/2021

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
 Thursday: 1Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
 Friday: 1Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

OUR COMMUNITY AT PRAYER FOR ...

**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions
For December/January**

For evangelization-Catechists let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be it witnesses, with Courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL PRIESTS (LIVING/DECEASED) AND
SEMINARIANS (B) = BORROMEO (SM) = ST. MARY**

Sunday: Bishop Edward Malesic
Brother Luke Maria (OP)
Joseph McCarron (SM)

Monday: Rev. Richard Hudak
 Rev. Michael Smith
Ho, Joseph Truong Viet (SM)

Tuesday: Rev. Joseph H. Piskura, SJ
 Rev. John Manning
Fritz Schlueter (SM)

Wednesday: Rev. John Christman, SSS
 Rev. Robert Jasany
Sean Neville (SM)

Thursday: Rev. Matthew M. Cortnik
 Rev. Barry Gearing
Chris Stein (SM)

Friday: Rev. Frederick F. Pausche
 Rev. Edward Holland
Chunju Park (SM)

Saturday: *Thank you, Father, for those who have responded to Your call to priestly ministry. Fill Your priests with the knowledge of Your love.*

In your Charity, please pray for these members of our parish who are sick or confined to home or nursing home facilities:

Selina Bar, Marie Bernardo, Bridget Byrne, Joseph & Rosemarie Cintron, Gabrielle Council, Edward & Cecilia Guccion, Annette Hobson, Bill & Marge Ice, Georgia & Georgette Ireland, Baby Andrew Jackson, Rita Krebs, Phil Madda, Anna & Nazzareno Perrone, Becky Payton, Sally Rummel, Tom Schmitz, Daisy Shands, Nancy Sheridan, Richard Wojcik
 and all prayer requests
 written in the Book of Intentions
 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

The weekly Offertory is critical in order for the Parish to provide ongoing ministries and activities. If you cannot personally attend Mass, please drop off or mail in your offertory contribution

Another option would be to use direct deposit from your bank account or use a credit card through PayPal. Check out our parish website:

www.sacredheartofjesusparish.org

under the "Publications/Forms" tab for more information and "how to's" of this option.

Please try to be as generous as you are able.

God bless you! **Father Ireland**

We regret that we are not able to provide current collection numbers for last week. Because of the early deadline for this bulletin, (we had to transmit the document to the publisher by December 16), obviously we had not yet counted the money we had received the weekend of December 18-19. Counters will open Christmas contributions on the 27th of December, so we should be able to catch up our reporting by January 2.

**REMEMBER
IN ORDER QUALIFY FOR 2021
CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS, ALL
DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
BEFORE DECEMBER 31.**

**PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF
SAINT JOSEPH
(January 1 to December 31, 2021)
(with a Plenary Indulgence)**

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by His Blood, and with your power and strength, to aid us graciously in our necessities.



O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;

O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;

O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As you once rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

Amen.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM THE PARISH STAFF**

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
FROM DECEMBER 31 TO JANUARY 4
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE DIOCESAN
RECOMMENDED CLOSINGS FOR NEW YEAR'S
AND THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY.

REMEMBER: This year, while January 1 (the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) is a Holy Day ... it is not observed in this diocese as a day of obligation because it falls on a Saturday. Therefore, there is no requirement to attend Mass.

YOU WILL NOTE, however, we have added a 4 p.m. Vigil Mass ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, and there will be a 5 p.m. Mass on Sunday, January 2, celebrated



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